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Please amend claims 16, 20, 24, 26, 31 and 32, and add new claims 35 through 51, to read as follows:

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16. (Amended) A method of providing a data block preceding a servo information area in a magnetic recording medium for accessing user data therefrom, comprising:
writing a first data address mark in said data block; and
writing a second data address mark in said data block at a location preceding said servo information area.

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20. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium having a data track having one or more data blocks preceding a servo information area, comprising:
a first data address mark located before said servo information area in a first data block;
and
a second data address mark located before said servo information area in said first data block.

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24. (Amended) A disk drive device, comprising:
a magnetic recording medium having at least one data block that includes at least a first data address mark and a second data address mark having no servo information area

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4 therebetween; and

5 a controller configured to read within said at least one data block at least one of said first
6 data address mark and said second data address mark.

26. (Amended) A method for reading a data block preceding a servo information area of a
7 memory disk, said method comprising the steps of reading at least one of a plurality of data
8 address marks recorded on said data block at a location before said servo information area.

31. (Amended) A method for preparing a memory disk, comprising:
9 recording a data address mark providing synchronization that enables reading of data
10 from the memory disk, along a data track on the memory disk at a first location on a first data
11 block preceding a servo information area; and
12 recording said data address mark at a second location on said first data block preceding
13 said servo information area.

32. (Amended) A disk drive device, comprising:
14 a head positioned to read, within at least one of a plurality of data blocks of a recording
15 medium, a first data address mark, and a second data address mark, said first data address mark
16 and said second data address mark having no servo information therebetween; and
17 a controller regulating movement of said head based on at least one of said first data
18 address mark and said second data address mark.

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1 -35. A method of providing a data block preceding a servo information area in a
2 magnetic recording medium for accessing user data therefrom, comprising:
3 writing a first data address mark in said data block; and
4 writing in said data block at a location preceding said servo information area, a second
5 data address mark that is distinguishable from said first data address mark.

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1 -36. A method of providing a data block preceding a servo information area in a
2 magnetic recording medium for accessing user data therefrom, comprising:
3 writing a first data address mark in said data block; and
4 writing a second data address mark exhibiting a different bit pattern in said data
5 block at a location preceding said servo information area.

1 -37. A method of providing a data block preceding a servo information area in a
2 magnetic recording medium for accessing user data therefrom, comprising:
3 writing in said data block a first data address mark marking said data block; and
4 writing in said data block at a location preceding said servo information area, a second
5 data address mark separately marking said data block.

1 --38. A magnetic recording medium having a data track having one or more data blocks
2 preceding a servo information area, comprising:

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3 a first data address mark located before said servo information area in a first data block;
4 and
5 a second data address mark distinguishable from said first data address mark, located
6 before said servo information area in said first data block.

1 --39. A magnetic recording medium having a data track having one or more data blocks
2 preceding a servo information area, comprising:
3 a first data address mark located before said servo information area in a first data block;
4 and
5 a second data address mark exhibiting a different bit pattern, located before said servo
6 information area in said first data block.

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1 --40. A magnetic recording medium having a data track having one or more data blocks
2 preceding a servo information area, comprising:
3 a first data address mark located before said servo information area in a first data block;
4 and
5 a second data address mark separately marking said data block, located before said servo
6 information area in said first data block.

1 --41. A disk drive device, comprising:
2 a magnetic recording medium having at least one data block that includes at least a first

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3 data address mark and a second data address mark distinguishable from said first data address
4 mark and having no servo information area between said first data address mark and said second
5 data address mark; and

6 a controller configured to distinguish within said at least one data block, between said
7 first data address mark and said second data address mark.

1 --42. A disk drive device, comprising:

2 a magnetic recording medium having at least one data block that includes at least a first
3 data address mark and a second data address mark exhibiting a different bit pattern, with no servo
4 information area between said first data address mark and said second data address mark; and

5 a controller configured to read within said at least one data block at least one of said first
6 data address mark and said second data address mark.

1 --43. A disk drive device, comprising:

2 a magnetic recording medium having at least one data block that includes at least a first
3 data address mark and a second data address mark separately marking said data block, with
4 servo information area between said first data address mark and said second data address mark;

5 and

6 a controller configured to read within said at least one data block at least one of said first
7 data address mark and said second data address mark.

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8 --44. A method for reading a data block preceding a servo information area of a memory
9 disk, said method comprising the steps of reading at least one of a plurality of data address marks
10 that are mutually distinguishable on the memory disk at a location before said servo information
11 area.

1 --45. A method for reading a data block preceding a servo information area of a memory
2 disk, said method comprising the steps of reading at least one of a plurality of data address marks
3 exhibiting different bit patterns on the memory disk at a location before said servo information
4 area.

1 --46. A method for reading a data block preceding a servo information area of a memory
2 disk, said method comprising the steps of reading at least one of a plurality of data address marks
3 that separately mark said data block on the memory disk at a location before said servo
4 information area.

1 --47. A method for preparing a memory disk, comprising;
2 recording a first data address mark providing synchronization that enables reading of data
3 from the memory disk, along a data track on the memory disk at a first location on a first data
4 block preceding a servo information area; and
5 recording a second data address mark that is distinguishable from said first data address
6 mark at a second location on said first data block preceding said servo information area.

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1 --48. A method for preparing a memory disk, comprising:

2 recording a first data address mark providing synchronization that enables reading of data
3 from the memory disk, along a data track on the memory disk at a first location on a first data
4 block preceding a servo information area; and

5 recording a second data address mark exhibiting a different bit pattern, at a second
6 location on said first data block preceding said servo information area.

1 --49. A method for preparing a memory disk, comprising:

2 recording a data address mark providing synchronization that enables reading of data
3 from the memory disk, along a data track on the memory disk at a first location on a first data
4 block preceding a servo information area; and

5 recording said data address mark to separately mark said data block at a second location
6 on said first data block preceding said servo information area.

1 --50 A disk drive device, comprising:

2 a head positioned to read, within at least one data block of a recording medium, a first
3 data address mark, and a second data address mark that is distinguishable from said first data
4 address mark; and

5 a controller regulating movement of said head based on at least one of said first data
6 address mark and said second data address mark.

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1 -51 A disk drive device, comprising:
2 a head positioned to read, within at least one data block of a recording medium, a first
3 data address mark, and a second data address mark separately marking said data block; and
4 a controller regulating movement of said head based on at least one of said first data
5 address mark and said second data address mark.

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